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SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA- PANAMA'S POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION

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1. DURING NOVEMBER 11 CALL BY REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK) FOREIGN MINISTER KIM AND AMBASSADOR PARK ON AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN, ROK PERMREP PARK REPORTED RECENT CONVERSATION WITH PANAMA'S PREMREP BOYD. BOYD HAD TOLD PARK THAT PANAMA IS INCREASINGLY DIS-SATISFIED WITH US ATTITUDES ON THE CANAL QUESTION AND THAT, AS A RESULT, BOYD WAS "EXPECTING" INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION ON KOREA. BOYD HAD IMPLIED TO SOUTH KOREANS THAT THEY SHOULD PRESSURE THEIR US ALLY TO MAKE CONCESSIONS TO PANAMA ON CANAL ISSUE.

2. MOYNIHAN ASKED PARK TO STRESS TO BOYD THAT OUR EXECUTIVE BRANCH WAS BENDING ITS FULL ENERGIES TOWARD A NEW CANAL TREATY. HOWEVER, IF PANAMA WANTED TO STIFFEN CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO A NEW TREATY AND THEREBY COMPLICATE THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, THE WAY TO DO IT WAS PRECISELY THROUGH  
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STEPS SUCH AS BOYD WAS SUGGESTING.

3. COMMENT: PANAMA WAS ABSENT DURING THIS YEAR'S VOTING IN COMMITTEE ONE ON THE KOREAN QUESTION (REFTEL). LAST YEAR PANAMA VOTED IN SUPPORT OF OUR RESOLUTION IN PLENARY AND COMMITTEE ONE. ADDITIONALLY, LAST YEAR IN COMMITTEE ONE, PANAMA'S VOTE CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEFEAT OF THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION, WE BELIEVE THAT, WITH THE VOTE IN PLENARY ON KOREA SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 18, A MAJOR EFFORT MUST NOW BE MADE TO PERSUADE PANAMA TO TAKE A POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. IS IT FEASIBLE TO PERSUADE PRESIDENT TORRIJOS OF THE FALLACY OF BOYD'S MADE HATTER LOGIC?

4. OUR COSTA RICAN COSPONSORS, WHO ARE GIVING PANAMA FULL SUPPORT HERE AND ELSEWHERE ON CANAL ISSUE, ARE ACTIVELY WORKING FOR CHANGE IN PANAMANIAN POSITION, BUT REPORT BOYD SO FAR QUITE INFLEXIBLE.  
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